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OUR PAPER

THE newly-appointed Editorial or 'Ringing World' Committee makes its bow to the Exercise under circumstances which could hardly be described as happy. To them, as to most readers, last year's 'Ringing World' balance sheet proved to be somewhat of a shock, and, as the figures disclosed, had it not been for the sale of copies of the 'History of the College Youths,' the balance would have been on the wrong side.

What promised to be a valuable asset now threatens to become a serious liability, the change having been brought about by the general rise in costs. Printing wages have been considerably increased, and paper, which at one time cost approximately £12 10s. per ton, is now £66 per ton. These heavy increases have added considerably to the cost of the production of the paper.

The new committee is, therefore, confronted with a tough problem, but it will tackle its job vigorously and fearlessly, and it may be that some of its actions may not prove to be too popular.

Certainly the Central Council would not be in a sufficiently strong financial position to subsidise the paper indefinitely. It must stand on its own feet and pay its way. It is not necessary that it should make a large profit, but it **must** be self-supporting.

The committee are exploring every avenue where economies might be effected, and it may well be that some of the traditional refinements may have to be cut—even a modified form of peal report, for instance. We are well aware that such a move would not be well received by the Exercise and this will not be resorted to unless it becomes absolutely necessary.

A small increase in the charges for advertising space seems to be inevitable, and we hope that if this course is adopted it will be received with sympathy and understanding.

We feel that until every possible economy has been effected we should not be justified in asking the Exercise to accept a smaller paper or an increase in the price. These possibilities, however, still hang over us and we note there is no abatement in the general trend of rising costs.

Under the able Editorship of Mr. T. White the circulation has risen substantially, and it may prove sufficient to save a reduction in size or increase in price if the circula-

tion can be built up still further, so that the cost of the preparation of the paper can be spread over a greater number of copies. Of particular value is the postal subscriber. From each of these copies there is a net return of 3.7d., against 2.Id. received through the newsagents.

Mr. White has generously offered to accept a reduced salary for his services, and the committee are sincerely grateful to him and in return have promised to lighten his duties.

Prominent and well-known ringers will be invited to provide articles for the front page, which will give different viewpoints and provide a freshness of outlook. The views they will express will be their own and will not be an expression of the Central Council's opinion.

Finally, the committee appeals to all who realise the value of our paper to do everything possible to increase the circulation, and to explain the difficulties which are being encountered. We also appeal to all those postal subscribers who have not yet sent the difference covering the increase in postal rates to do so at once.

To those who have generously sent donations to help in the present difficulties the committee expresses its most grateful appreciation.

J. F. S.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

A RATHER unusual, almost unique, compliment was paid to 'our journal' at a Crewe Branch meeting of the Chester Guild at Sandbach, and above all other places, in the Market Tavern, better known as 'The Ringer's Arms,' where the ringers were partaking of refreshment (liquid and licensed).

A lady waiting on the party mentioned the fact that years ago, I don't know how many, she was given a copy of 'The Ringing World,' and was so interested in it, especially the front page article, that she asked if and where she might be supplied with it; on being told where, the lady said she had taken it ever since.

Incidentally, she is not a ringer yet, but she has interested six more ladies and is trying to get another, after which they hope to get the local band to teach them.

There is invariably a moral to most stories. The moral to this is, 'Don't keep your "Ringing World" to yourself, pass it on.'

W. F. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ROBERT COLLINS Treble	*ERIC NAYLOR 7
†THOMAS E. SONE 2	*REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 8
*DORIS G. DOBBIE 3	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 9
*BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 10
*FRANK P. WRIGHT 5	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 11
*GEORGE KENWARD 6	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

*First peal of Maximus. †First peal of Plain Bob Maximus.
Birthday peals for Mr. G. Kenward and the conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., July 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
MURIEL REAY 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 9
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER .. 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5	HARRY PARKES 11
HENRY H. FEARN 6	EDWARD T. LLOYD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Thurs., July 12, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. Treble	EDWARD T. LLOYD 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
HENRY H. FEARN 3	TERRY R. HAMPTON 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 9
LEONARD TREVOR 5	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Evelyn Fletcher and Mr. Henry H. Fearn.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

SAMUEL PINDER Treble	EDWARD F. GOBEY 6
NOREEN BRAIN 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
WILLIAM J. LEECH 3	SIDNEY H. JONES 8
ALAN G. FOSTER 4	GEORGE L. RODEN 9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5	EDWARD J. WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

In memoriam Rev. J. Goodacre, Vicar of this church 1927-1933.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON 2	JOHN F. TILLET 7
PETER PARROT 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 8
CHARLES E. FISHER 4	ALBERT E. WHITING .. 9
RUSSELL G. PARKER 5	WALTER W. MILLER .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 2	GEOFFREY DODDS 7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. 8
DAVID E. PARSONS .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 9
FRANK E. DARBY 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

*First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal on the bells since their removal from Lombard Street. Rung for the opening of the three towns (Twickenham, Richmond and Kingston) Festival Pageant.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS .. Treble	*ERIC NAYLOR 6
*FRANK P. WRIGHT 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
GEORGE KENWARD 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 8
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 9
†THOMAS E. SONE 5	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

*First peal of Royal. †25th peal of Royal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

SIDNEY BRIGGS .. Treble	*HERBERT LEWIN 6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY 2	FREDK. A. SALTER .. 7
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 8
CLEMENT GLENN 4	WALTER NICHOLS 9
WILLIAM THORNEY, JUN. .. 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LAMBETH, LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. AND N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Variation of Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.	
*JENNIFER MARIS ATKINS .. Treble	CHARLES A. HUGHES .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 6
JAMES BULLOCK 3	JOHN W. WARD 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 4	JOHN H. LOTT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by T. W. TAFFENDER.

*First peal. A Festival of Britain peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 9, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

KENNETH L. BROWN .. Treble	GORDON D. ELVIN 5
SHEILA BARKER 2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 6
GEORGE H. MOORE 3	CHARLES H. MOORE .. 7
DAVID F. HALL 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

Arranged for the ringer of the fourth, on leave from the Forces. A Festival peal in connection with Hethersett Church.



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WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol and 480 each of Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt.	
C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

250th peal on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.	
GEORGE MARTIN .. Treble	ARTHUR NEWTON .. 5
WALTER LEE .. 2	PERCY NEWTON .. 6
WALTER HUNT .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS .. 7
GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 4	VICTOR EVANS .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*E. WILLIAM TAYLOR .. Treble	*MICHAEL N. BLAND .. 5
RONALD D. EDGE .. 2	PETER BORDER .. 6
A. ROBIN GUY .. 3	HARRY L. MARTIN .. 7
JOHN G. GIPSON .. 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

FRANK HARRINGTON .. Treble	ALFRED LITTLE .. 5
FRANK ROPER .. 2	GEORGE SAUNDERS .. 6
HENRY PRATT .. 3	STANLEY BONES .. 7
JOHN WARNER .. 4	RONALD SUCKLING .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

Rung at the conclusion of the local Festival of Britain celebrations.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH .. Treble	HAROLD WORRALL .. 5
BERNARD J. ONGLEY .. 2	*†ALFRED WILKINSON .. 6
DOROTHY C. OSBORN .. 3	HENRY PARKER .. 7
DAVID SMITH .. 4	†HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of the 7th.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 5
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER .. 2	*AMOS NEAL .. 6
*JAMES H. MUSSON .. 3	ALBERT H. BENNETT .. 7
DENIS A. FRITH .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal of Major in the method.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	*THOMAS G. FOX .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING .. 2	JAMES G. PRIOR .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7
*BASIL W. WHITE .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

MARK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19 cwt.	
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	*VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 5
BEN COMER .. 2	*FREDERICK G. SANDY .. 6
*GWILYN G. SALMON .. 3	LEONARD DERRICK .. 7
*RONALD H. GARDINER .. 4	EDWARD C. WICKHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT W. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Triples.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5152 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.	
GEORGE W. HOWLETT .. Treble	ERNEST C. STAFF .. 5
CECIL A. THOMPSON .. 2	WILLIAM J. FLATT .. 6
ERNEST A. HEAD .. 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. 7
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE .. 4	ERNEST WHITING .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

A compliment to the conductor on his 65th birthday.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sun., July 15, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.	
KATHLEEN M. SHEPHERD .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 5
RICHARD D. DIVALL .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD .. 6
EDWARD J. JENNER .. 3	*CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 7
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 25th peal for the Guild. This peal was rung at the request of the Guild's President, the Rev. G. Golding-Bird, D.D., on St. Swithun's Day.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.	
HAROLD J. POOLE .. Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 2	LEONARD TREVOR .. 6
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 3	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 4	W. H. CURZON CLARKE .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

First peal in the method as conductor. A welcome to Rev. A. H. Procter, V.C., who was inducted to the benefice of Claybrooke-with-Wibtoft the previous evening.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

JOHN ANDERSON .. Treble	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. 5
ERNEST WALLACE .. 2	THOMAS W. CROWE .. 6
*ERIC N. HARRISON .. 3	*HAROLD WALKER .. 7
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in the method. Ernest Wallace has now completed the 'circle' in this tower.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., July 19, 1951, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 34½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 6
JACK G. BROTHWELL .. 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 7
ERNEST A. THORPE .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HASELBECH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. Treble	*ERNEST G. ORLAND .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 2	BRIAN AUSTIN .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 7
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

EDWIN BARNETT .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 2	WILFRED W. RING .. 6
ROBERT COLLINS .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,472 each of Painswick, Yorkshire and Superlative, and 736 Cambridge, with 138 changes of method. Method arrangement by A. G. Driver.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE .. Treble	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 5
*MOLLY AMBLER .. 2	ALFRED SMITH .. 6
*GORDON BENFIELD .. 3	*JOHN W. GIBSON .. 7
WILLIAM BARTON .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced on the bells and for the Association by a resident West Riding band. In memoriam Samuel Ward, of Pudsey.

* FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

BERT W. MAY .. Treble	VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 5
HARRY SPRINGATE .. 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN .. 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
GLADYS K. JARRETT .. 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by W. A. J. KNIGHT.

The conductor's 25th peal of Major.

MARK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

JACK DREW .. Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD .. 5
REGINALD BEALE .. 2	FREDERICK WELCH .. 6
A. CHARLES BAKER .. 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 7
HAROLD L. PARFREY .. 4	ROGER O. FRY .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

The first peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Beale.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHERESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*ELISE BRENTNALL .. Treble	*SYLVIA CAIN .. 5
ANNE WORTH .. 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 6
JAMES A. MILNER .. 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. 7
FRANCES M. LAFLIN .. 4	PETER LAFLIN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ST. MELLONS, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 12, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MELLONS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE E. MONK .. Treble	LEONARD I. HULBERT .. 4
JACK R. WORRALL .. 2	WILLIAM DARE .. 5
FREDK. J. BAILEY .. 3	*REGINALD H. ADDIS .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD H. ADDIS.

* First peal of Kent. First peal of Minor as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Kent on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal. A compliment to Jack R. Worrall on his receiving the degree of B.A. (with Honours).

TILNEY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

EDWARD BARKER .. Treble	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4
STANLEY G. ELSEY .. 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 5
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* 50th peal for Ely Diocesan Association.

ALBURY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

AGNES E. PRICE .. Treble	DENIS N. LAYTON .. 4
JANET S. BAILEY .. 2	TONY PRICE .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING .. 3	RICHARD E. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford and three 720's each of Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

GEORGE HANCOCK .. Treble	DERRECK DAVIES .. 4
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 2	WILLIAM SWAIN .. 5
FLORENCE M. PRICE .. 3	JOHN W. PRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SWAIN.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Florence M. Price, who is assistant secretary to the Association.

HEVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Ipswich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) College Single and Wavertree, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD .. Treble	JOHN E. CANNELL .. 4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	RALPH BIRD .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 3	LEONARD A. TIDY .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in eleven methods by all except conductor and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Cook of the local band.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*JACK A. PROCTOR .. Treble	WILLIAM HOLLAND .. 4
SAM SCATTERGOOD .. 2	BARRY HOLLAND .. 5
*JOHN S. WOODHOUSE .. 3	DENNIS HOLLAND .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS HOLLAND.

* First peal.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, four callings, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*ERIC C. T. PIZZEY Treble	FRANK C. PRICE 4
†OLIVE M. GREEN 2	†GEORGE T. ROBSON 5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE 3	FREDERICK SHEPARD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single and Double Court, College, Plain and Double Bob, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Single Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD BARKER Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS 4
STANLEY G. ELSEY 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

A 60th birthday compliment to C. V. Ebberson.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 15, 1951, in 3 Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JACK WILLIAMSON Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 4
*TONY OWEN 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN 5
SIDNEY MARSHALL 3	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal in more than four methods.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JACK POUNDS Treble	*ELLEN PARKER 4
*VERA DRAPER 2	*CUTHBERT ACKERS 5
WILFRED CORE 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

* First peal in seven methods. A Festival of Britain peal.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 16, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DISLEY DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

DAPHNE J. HARE Treble	RICHARD W. STEPHENS 4
ALAN S. SMITH 2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS 5
JOAN ASHTON 3	BRYAN F. SIMS Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alan Smith and Christopher Woodhead.

BODICOTE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Leonards, Cassington, St. Peter's, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Norfolk. April Day. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew Northrepps Pleasure and Antelope. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	†JOHN S. WALTON 3
ALAN R. PINK 2	†EDMUND E. PEARSON 4

EDGAR J. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in 21 methods. A Festival of Britain peal for this parish.



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CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Wed., July 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.
 *DONALD L. MILLS (11) .. Treble | WALTER PERRY 4
 *MRS. LESLIE MILLS .. 2 | SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 5
 OWEN C. BALLARD .. 3 | LESLIE D. MILLS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

* First peal.

WALTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., July 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH J. WILLOWS .. Treble | HARRY HALL 4
 *RONALD CHAFER 2 | PHILIP BARNES 5
 JACK BRAY 3 | GEORGE W. MOODY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

BRACEBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Antelope, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and 360 each of April Day and Old Doubles. Tenor approx. 9 cwt.

RAYMOND WADE Treble | WILLIAM OLDMAN 3
 CECIL WADE 2 | BERNARD WADE 4

ARTHUR WADE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

*On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT S. PALMER .. Treble | FRANK POSTLETHWAITE .. 4
 DOROTHY SCHOFIELD .. 2 | GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 5
 *MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE .. 3 | *ROLAND ECCLES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Furness and Lake District Branch.)

*On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*NORMA ROBERT Treble | *ALAN CAPSTICK 4
 *ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH .. 2 | †FRANK BIRKETT 5
 JAMES E. BURLS 3 | NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. Rung in honour of the seventh anniversary of the consecration of the Right Rev. H. V. Turner, Vicar of Hawkshead, as Bishop of Penrith.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET, A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in E flat.

*WILFRED E. TAYLOR .. Treble | †MERVYN WILTSHIRE .. 4
 *JEAN E. SHELLARD .. 2 | P.C. WM. F. SCUDAMORE 5
 *GERALD J. VIRGO .. 3 | RONALD J. COX Tenor

Conducted by P.C. WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor on tower bells. First peal of Grandsire on bells since rehung in 1929.

HANDBELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE. THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., May 30, 1951, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
IN ST. NICOLAS' BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF 5200 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 43 extents and a touch of 40 changes. Tenor size 8 in C.
 J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2 | ALAN J. TWIGGER 3-4
 WALTER R. BEEBE 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

The conductor's 200th peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE. THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., June 12, 1951, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
IN ST. NICOLAS' BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 1,680 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor size 11 in G.

ALAN J. TWIGGER 1-2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 3-4
 WALTER R. BEEBE 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. E. Wilson, a local ringer, to Miss B. Newcombe.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE. THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., June 13, 1951, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
IN ST. NICOLAS' BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF 5060 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents and a touch of 20 changes. Tenor size 11 in G.
 J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2 | ALAN J. TWIGGER 3-4
 WALTER R. BEEBE 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A 60th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. M. Burtonshaw, mother of the conductor.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE. THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., July 12, 1951, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
IN SACRED TRINITY BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.
 *J. NEVILLE HAILE 1-2 | ROGER LEIGH 3-4
 *DEREK OGDEN 5-6

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal of Bob Minor on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., July 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ROLAND PARK 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Arranged for Roland Park from Darlington.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., July 13, 1951, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four different callings. Tenor size 12.
 TERENCE R. KIRCHIN .. 1-2 | DEREK G. GOODMAN 3-4
 *HOWARD N. GREGORY .. 5-6

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN. Witness: MICHAEL A. YORK.

* First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sun., July 15, 1951, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

C.C.C. No. 11. Tenor size 15 in C.
 ROY C. HURST 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST 7-8

*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

* First peal of Bob Royal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANFORTH ..	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ..	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ..	3-4	DEREK G. GOODMAN ..	7-8

JOSIAH MORRIS .. 9-10

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 17, 1951, in 2 Hours,

AT THE CORNER HOUSE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings.

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*REGINALD BEALE ..	1-2	*JACK W. DREW ..	3-4
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REGINALD C. BEALE .. 5-6

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

*25th peal together. First peal 'in hand' as conductor and 50th peal. A memorial peal to Albert H. Drayton, who died July 17th, 1949.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ..	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ..	5-6
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MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ..	3-4	†MRS. T. H. FRANCIS ..	7-8
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Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' †First peal 'in hand' and in the method. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

IN THE PRIEST'S ROOM OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*RICHARD W. STEPHENS ..	1-2	†CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ..	5-6
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†J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ..	3-4	BRYAN F. SIMS ..	7-8
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Composed by G. DODDS.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER G. WOODHEAD.

*First peal of Major. †25th peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 19, 1951, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

JACK BRAY ..	1-2	C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	3-4
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*PHILIP BARNES .. 5-6

Conducted by PHILIP BARNES.

First peal as conductor and first peal of Minor 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 20, 1951, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of Stedman and twenty each of Plain Bob (four callings) and Grandsire (ten callings), in three methods.

Tenor size 14 in D.

ROLAND PARK ..	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ..	3-4
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IRENE PARK .. 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 20, 1951, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

TERENCE R. KIRCHIN ..	1-2	DEREK G. GOODMAN ..	3-4
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LAWRENCE GREENHOW .. 5-6

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.

Witnesses: PAUL I. ALTON, JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, JOHN E. CLAYDEN.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 20, 1951, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, four different callings.

TERENCE R. KIRCHIN ..	1-2	DEREK G. GOODMAN ..	3-4
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*PAUL I. ALTON .. 5-6

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.

Witness: JOHN E. CLAYDEN.

*First peal.

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The Society of Roving
Ringers are on tour this
week and next in East An-
glia. They are spending to-morrow (Saturday)
at Norwich.

With a peal at Quex Park, Mr. F. P. Wright
has rung peals from Minor to Maximus.

Two peals were rung at Quex Park on July
15th.

Wednesday practices at St. Matthew's, Upper
Clapton, cancelled until further notice.

Mr. C. A. Bassett 'completed the circle' of
Lamberhurst tower on May 26th.

Narrow escape! On Friday, July 20th, the
Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards was reading 'The
Ringing World' under an ancient pine tree
when an enormous branch, weighing several
cwt., suddenly detached itself from the tree and
fell within five feet of his head.

Mrs. Irene Park, who has eleven peals to
her credit, rang her first peal in the British Isles
on July 20th at Bournemouth. All her peals
are 'in hand,' previous successful attempts be-
ing nine in Venezuela and two in the United
States.

The Ringing Society of the Wyggeston Gram-
mar School for Boys, Leicester, has had a suc-
cessful week's ringing. Two of its members,
Howard N. Gregory and Paul I. Alton, have
scored their first peals and a peal of St. Simon's
Doubles was also rung.

'Philip and Joan Gray are settling down well
in Melbourne, Australia,' writes a correspondent,
'and ringing with the Cathedral band. They are
also holding regular handbell practices. Among
their new acquisitions is a motor-cycle with side-
car. They send their best wishes to all ringing
friends.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Universities Associa-
tion assemble at Wills Hall,
Bristol, this evening for
their annual ringing week. Forty-one members,
representing ten universities, are attending. Six-
teen peal attempts are in the programme, in-
cluding St. Mary Redcliffe on the last day of
the week.

We regret to hear that Mr. Tom Groom-
bridge, sen., is in St. Mark's Hospital, Maiden-
head.

We are asked to make a correction in the
peal rung at Heydour, Lincs, on June 23rd.
The last 720 consisted of Oxford Bob and Plain
Bob and not Spliced Single Court and Plain Bob.

Sturry, Kent, a village badly bombed during
the war, held its Festival of Britain Day on
July 14th. Among the attractions during the
day was an open invitation to the villagers to
see the belfry and the bells in action. Over 70
people paid a visit to the tower during the after-
noon and evening.

The first peal of Loughborough Bob Major
was rung for the Chester Diocesan Guild at
St. Mary's, Liscard, on May 18th, 1929, con-
ducted by Dr. J. C. E. Simpson. The con-
ductor of the peal at Tarporley on July 7th
withdrew the claim after we had gone to press
last week.

Last week we indicated the difficulties of
ringing in the cage at Pershore Abbey. This
week we have received the report of a quarter
on these bells—1,694 Grandsire Triples in 1
hour 16 minutes, by F. C. Lyne 1, F. G. Kin-
chin 2, S. J. Woodcock 3, P. A. Lawrence 4, T.
H. Blunt 5, W. Butler (conductor) 6, F. C.
Price 7, F. T. Blagrove 8. 'It is a pity,'
writes the conductor, 'that the pleasure ob-
tained by listening to this fine old ring should be
marred by the bad running of the bells.'

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THE annual general meeting of the Guild was held at Loughborough on Saturday, July 14th. Forty-six members attended from the following districts:—Central, Lincoln, Midland, West Midland, Yorkshire, North Western and South Eastern.

The bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry were available to visitors who made good use of them. A short service was conducted by the Rector, Archdeacon Lyon, who gave a warm welcome to the members.

After tea in Fearon Hall, at which 95 ringers were present, the president, Mrs. Fletcher, thanked the Rector for his kind welcome and use of the bells, and also Mr. P. Taylor, for making the Foundry available for inspection and for giving visitors an opportunity to try their skill on the 'light end' of the Foundry bells. She also thanked Mrs. Jill Staniforth for making all the arrangements for the meeting.

NEW HONORARY SECRETARY

At the business meeting which followed, with the president in the chair, one new member was elected. Mrs. E. K. Fletcher was re-elected president, and Miss D. Colgate, of Sevenoaks, Kent, was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer.

The president reported: In presenting this report I have to act in two capacities. First, in the position of president of the Guild, which I have had the honour to hold for the past three years, and secondly, as hon. secretary and treasurer, which I was compelled to take over owing to the resignation of Miss Snowden. As you all know, this office I held for 36 years, since the formation of the Guild in 1912.

At the end of the Second World War in 1945, I had great hopes that the Guild would soon get back into its stride, and that there would be increased membership, but in this I have been disappointed. Although new Districts have been formed, some of the older ones have ceased, or almost ceased, to function, and I regret to have to report that since 1948 the membership has decreased by about 100. I am taking this figure from the accounts and reckoning the membership by the number of subscriptions received to December 31st, 1950. This drop in membership is very serious and in view of the increasing number of women and girls who are taking up ringing, it would seem either that the Guild is not wanted any longer or that the members are not pulling their weight. It is so easy to pay one's annual subscription and then sit back quite satisfied and take no further interest in the work of the Guild. It should not be left to the Guild officers to do all the work. The least one can do is to support the meetings.

EXPERIENCE IN A SOUTHERN COUNTY

I should like to give you the experience of one of our original members. She took up residence in a southern county and endeavoured to form a District. After struggling for some time she got a very good number of members, but after one or two meetings she was told that the County Association furnished all their requirements and that they saw no good in the Guild and got nothing out of it. What would be the position of the ringing Exercise now if everyone in the past had thought like that? I have always been told that it's what you put into an organisation that counts—not what you get out of it.

The majority of the present members of the Guild know nothing of its early work. It was not an easy task to convince clergy and laymen alike that the presence of women in the belfry was desirable, and I think there are still a few diehards who have no time for us. A ringer recently remarked to one of our members 'There are few decent strikers among the ladies.'

40TH BIRTHDAY

The Guild has occupied an honoured position in the Exercise and has been represented on the Central Council for 37 years. Next year is the 40th anniversary of its formation. It has not reached this age without an enormous amount of hard work. Are we going to celebrate this birthday by a very special effort on everybody's part to increase our membership and attempt to revive our dormant Districts, or shall we say 'The Guild has served its purpose and should be given a decent burial.' If we say 'No' to the latter, then we have got to put our backs into it.

In conclusion I want to express our grateful thanks to all the District Secretaries for their hard work, which I am sure is greatly appreciated by the members who attend the meetings they arrange.

Several District secretaries reported on their work, some being satisfied with the interest shown by their members and others stressing the small attendance at meetings.

The accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure of £7 8s. 8½d., with a balance in hand of £75 15s. 7½d.

Regarding reports which should have been issued before the meeting, the president said that owing to the resignation of the secretary and the failure of some District secretaries to send their list of members, this had not been possible. However, the matter would now be dealt with and the report published before the end of the year.

LONDON THE NEXT MEETING PLACE

Three places were proposed for the next meeting, viz., Reading, Canterbury and London. In proposing London, Miss Steel said that as the Guild was formed in London in 1912, she considered that the 40th anniversary meeting should be held there. On being put to the vote, London was carried.

It was decided to obtain a new die for badges and have a supply made as soon as possible.

A suggestion was made that an anniversary dinner be held to celebrate the 40th birthday of the Guild, and after considerable discussion it was proposed to hold a dinner at Leicester on Saturday, October 25th, 1952.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of August 4th, 1911
THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AND 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Dear Sir,—If reports of the Council meetings are to be officially recognised in 'The Bell News' . . . let us have them more up-to-date and more exact and then, perhaps, the old paper, which has served us a good purpose in the past, will continue to prosper. But at the same time I still adhere to the original motion, that the Central Council shall give equal recognition to 'The Ringing World,' which paper, I think, under the present management, would send a representative capable of supplying a report that would not require dissecting by the president. . .

—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT J. DAWE.

Sussex County Association.

[At the Central Council meeting, Sir Arthur Heywood, the president, had said: 'I tell you frankly I don't care one atom . . . whether the report of this meeting goes in ('The Ringing World') or not, I am not going to do that work twice over. I have done it for 21 years and it takes a tremendous amount of time.']

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Margate on July 14th. A chance of a day at the seaside brought many ringers and friends to the town, most of them being there nearly all day.

Ringing started early in the afternoon and continued until the service which was held in the church and conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. A. Odom, who also gave an interesting talk. Tea followed in the schoolroom, a company of 110 sitting down to an excellent meal prepared by the local ringers and their wives, the latter also waiting at table.

At the usual business meeting, six new practising members were elected, with one new honorary member. Herne was selected from three towers proposed for the next by-meeting. Further ringing was held after tea. Twenty-two towers in the District were represented. The thanks of all present to expressed to the Vicar, organist and the surliced choir. The ladies were also thanked for waiting on the members' needs at tea.

A JOINT MEETING AT LLANGOLLEN

N. Wales Association & Chester Guild

On Saturday, July 21st, members of the North Wales Association and Chester Guild (Chester Branch) met at Llangollen for a joint meeting. Some 30 members travelled from far and near to this attractive town situated in a lovely valley in the county of Denbighshire, celebrated for exquisite scenery around, with woods, streams, rocks, cliffs and gorse-clad mountains as described by George Borrow in 'Wild Wales,' and now also famous for its international Eistedfodd. We would also include a lovely 14th century bridge (reputed to be one of the Seven Wonders of Wales) and a beautiful ring of eight bells by Taylors, with a 17 cwt. tenor, which has recently been completely rehanging by the same firm.

Among those present were Mr. A. J. Hughes, Bangor, Mr. J. Evans, Rhyl, and Mr. G. Griffiths, Llandudno. Other towers represented were Buckley, Wrexham, Mold and St. Mary's, Handbridge, Chester. It was regretted that Miss M. Jones, Llandudno, was unable to attend owing to the serious illness of her father. The bells were set going at 2.30 p.m. and learners and experts alike were given the opportunity of showing their skill. Methods ranged from call-changes to Cambridge Surprise and Spliced Plain Bob and Little Bob. The 'go' was pronounced excellent and a credit to those responsible for the rehanging.

A short service was conducted by the Rev.

L. M. Daniel who, on behalf of the Vicar (Canon Alcuin Jones), cordially welcomed the members to St. Collen's, and said how much the efforts of bell-ringers were appreciated, the sound of which was sadly missed during the restoration. To the great crowds visiting this popular resort on a Sunday, the bells ringing must convey a message and a reminder of the Sabbath.

Tea was partaken at the 'Bull' and, greatly refreshed, the energetic ones returned to the tower for further ringing, while others strolled along the riverside, and also visited Plas Newydd, a black and white mansion, home (1779-1829) of the celebrated 'Ladies of Llangollen' (two eccentric Irish noblewomen who affected male attire and entertained contemporary celebrities, including Wellington, Wordsworth, De Quincey and Scott).

At 7 o'clock the bells were taken over by the Much Wenlock band, enjoying a day's outing, after calling at Gresford and Wrexham.

So came to an end a very enjoyable meeting, but due to the sultry atmosphere, ringing was inclined to make one feel uncomfortable and a well-known ringer was heard to remark that he had never felt so hot in his life. It is hoped that when he turns the 40cwt. tenor at Shrewsbury next Saturday to a peal of Maximus, it will be much cooler.

We are grateful to Mr. A. Bailey, the local captain, for having everything ready, and who is asked to convey our thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

MALMESBURY HAS NOW AN OCTAVE

Dedication Service

The ring of five at Malmesbury, Wiltshire, has been restored and augmented to eight and was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Swindon (the Ven. L. C. Cornwell) on July 14th. The bells are in a tower adjoining the Abbey churchyard, which was part of St. Paul's Church, the latter being demolished about 80 years ago. The old five are of various dates, the treble being the oldest, coming from the Bristol foundry about 1500. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston carried out the restoration and the three new bells blend very well with the old five.

The Mayor and Town Clerk of Malmesbury were present at the service of dedication, the first part of which was held in the Abbey. For the dedicatory prayers the congregation, headed by the choir, moved in procession to the foot of the tower. Immediately after the Blessing the bells rang out in rounds, Queens and a beautifully struck touch of Stedman Triples, the ringers being Miss M. R. Cross 1, W. B. Cartwright (conductor) 2, C. J. Gardner 3, W. H. Trueman 4, E. J. Berry 5, N. J. Goodman 6, J. Pinfold 7, W. B. Kynaston 8. The bells were then thrown open to visiting ringers and the writer did not hear any criticism either of the tone or 'go' of the bells; everybody seemed very pleased.

The inscriptions and weights of the bells are:—

Treble.—Malmesburienses Illustres. Aldhelmus—Sanctus. Episcopus. Abbas Athelstan—Rex Anglorum Gulielmus Malmesburiae—Historicus Thomas Hobbes—Philosophus. 1951. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Second.—Gloria Christi—Rex. Arthur Beaghen, Vicar, Charles Bradshaw, Major Clarence Ingram, churchwardens. Victor G. H. Hemus, Ringing Master. 1951. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Third.—Commemoratio Gratia. All who by gifts and willing service extended the peal to

8 bells. 1951. Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon. 4 cwt. 2 qr.

Fourth.—Sancte Georgei ora pro nobis. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Fifth.—Gloria in Excelsis Deo 1610. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Sixth.—A.R. 1739. Recast Llewellyn and James, Bristol. George Windsor Tucker, B.A., Vicar, Richard Hungerford Pollen, Bart., John Garlick Lyne, churchwardens. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Seventh.—Anno Do Mi Ni 1640. Laboramus et oremus. Recast A.D. 1910. Charles C. D. McMillan, M.A., Vicar, Richard Hungerford Pollen, Bart., Henry Farrent, churchwardens. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. 8 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Tenor.—F sharp. Will Cor. John Harvey and Thos. Kaynes and Rob Huckings, churchwardens 1703. Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Recast A.D. 1910. Charles D. H. McMillan, M.A., Vicar, Richard Hungerford Pollen, Henry Farrent, churchwardens. Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. 11 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lb.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall by the local ringers and after further ringing an informal gathering was held in the King's Arms with the Vicar (the Rev. A. Beaghen) presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. J. G. Jefferies) and secretary (Mr. F. Skidmore), of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The Vicar thanked all those who had helped in the big job of restoring the bells, especially the captain of the tower (Mr. V. G. Hemus). Mr. Jefferies presented the Vicar with a cheque for £10 from the Belfry Repair Fund and Mr. Michael Howard responded on behalf of the bellfounders.

Humorous interludes were provided by the 'Queen of Malmesbury' and the 'Bishop of Swindon.' In addition to ringers from Gloucestershire and Wiltshire there were visitors from Birmingham, Caerleon (Mon.), Duston (Northants), Great Malvern and Oxford.

W. B. K.

'FLAT SIXTH' AT ST. MARY REDCLIFFE

On Sunday, July 1st, the new bell—a 'flat sixth'—recently installed, was dedicated during Evensong by the Vicar, Canon S. E. Swann. A large number of ringers were present including Mr. J. G. Jefferies, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and Mr. F. Skidmore, general secretary.

The dedication took place underneath the tower and was preceded by a few remarks by the Vicar on the purpose of the bell. He explained how this bell would complete a new ring of eight but above all it was installed in memory of one who devoted 43 years of his life to this church. Ralph Thompson Morgan was organist and choirmaster from 1906 to 1949 and his geniality and gentlemanly manner were things which will long be remembered. They thanked God for his life and for what he had taught them. The new bell would always be in use inasmuch as it was to be used for service call and sanctus.

The bell was then struck five times by the Vicar and pulled up immediately by the Ringing Master, Mr. Hansford. After the Blessing, while the congregation was still kneeling, the new bell was rung 43 times—one blow for each year of Mr. Morgan's life at Redcliffe—and after service in the new ring to a variety of methods.

Death of Mr. C. Holmes

Mr. Charles Holmes, of Barrow-on-Soar, Leicestershire, who died on July 20th, aged 80, had a long connection with Holy Trinity band, being a member for over 45 years. The last occasion on which he rang was in 1943 to celebrate the victory at El Alamein. The conductor at Barrow-on-Soar is his only grandson.

On July 23rd, 1,300 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, was rung to his memory by the following band: C. Lovett 1, G. J. Lowe 2, F. K. Thompson 3, R. G. W. Soars 4, K. E. Lovett (conductor) 5, J. Chambers 6.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Yatton on July 21st, from 20 to 30 ringers attending. The church is a large one with a central tower and an unusual truncated spire which contains a fine ring of eight bells. The bells were restored during 1950 and have a tenor weighing 21 cwt. 4 lb.

Ringling preceded the Association's service which was conducted by the Vicar, Preb. G. A. Beechey, who gave a short talk and a few words of welcome.

Following an excellent tea, the business meeting was held, at which it was decided that, subject to permission being granted, the next quarterly meeting would be held at Backwell in October, with practice meetings at Winford and Easton-in-Gordano in August and September respectively. The Ringing Master thanked the organist for his services and the Vicar for taking the service and for the use of the bells.

A return was then made to the tower and a wide variety of methods ranging from Grand-sire Triples to Cambridge Major were rung.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

The bi-annual Corporate Communion was held at St. Michael's Church, Clapton-in-Gordano, on Sunday, July 22nd. The church boasts of some very old pews and also a 13th century tower screen which originally belonged to Clapton Court. The six bells (tenor 10 cwt.) were raised in peal soon after 7 a.m. and ringling continued until the service, the celebrant being the Rev. D. H. Tongue who afterwards entertained 18 ringers to breakfast at the Rectory.

Ringling under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight, was continued until the morning service.

M. J. H.

THE MOST WESTERLY EIGHT IN ENGLAND

Madron, Cornwall

The most westerly ring of eight in England is now at Madron, some two miles west of Penzance. The old six had done long service and the wooden frame had frequently been patched. When the Rev. H. M. W. Hocking was appointed to Madron after the war, during which he had served as a Naval Chaplain, he at once agreed that a restoration must take place.

The final scheme decided upon was completely to rehang the bells in a new frame and fittings and to increase the ring to eight. A new treble was offered by the White family in memory of their father, who had been organist of the church, and a new second by the Diocesan Guild of ringers in memory of the late Dr. J. Symons. The two old trebles (now Numbers 3 and 4) have been recast. Details of the two new bells are as follows:—

Treble.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. 'In memory of John Kemp White, 1867-1947, Choirmaster and Organist. His Children's Gift.'

Second.—4 cwt. 'The Gift of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers. In Memory of John Symons, M.R.C.S., A Past President and Master.'

The tenor weighs 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb., in A, and was cast by Thomas Bayley, Bridgwater, 1761.

The work was dedicated recently by the Archdeacon of Cornwall (Ven. H. Boreham), and a big crowd gathered for the occasion. There were some 160 ringers present from all parts of Cornwall, as well as from Plymouth and all testified as to the excellence of the work as it had been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor

and Co., who spared no trouble to see that this rather awkward job should not be below their usual high standard of workmanship. Consideration has also been given to the tower and the louvers suitably bricked.

Mr. Arnold White, the local captain, has spared no pains to see to various details in connection with the ringing loft, and other matters which needed attention. Altogether nearly £1,000 was raised in a little over a year, apart from the gift of the two trebles, when the final scheme for tower and bells had been decided upon, and the Vicar and churchwardens (Messrs. J. W. Reed and C. E. Venning) are to be congratulated upon their enthusiasm in raising this large sum in the face of other parochial commitments.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Festival Meeting

A Festival meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held in Norwich on June 30th. Some 60 members attended from all the branches of the Association, including Mr. G. Kilby, of Ruislip. The bells of St. John's, St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. George's were rung in the afternoon and evening with St. Peter's, Mancroft, from 7 to 9 p.m. The Stowmarket company was welcomed at St. Peter's in the evening.

The service was held in St. George's, conducted by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, assisted by the Rev. E. W. Blyth, the branch chairman. Tea was served in St. Clement's Hall by the ladies of St. George's.

The next meeting will be held at Scottow on September 22nd.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CALLING THE ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—The following may be of some interest to those who want to call the 'Original.' I shall quote a little story of my own experience which happened in 1906, whilst at school. I became friendly with the late Mr. Harry Barton at a District meeting at Lyminge, who taught me the way to learn the calling of this peal. I went ahead and some time later we met again when he asked me if I knew it. I said 'Yes, Uncle Harry.' 'Then repeat it,' he said. Away I went in parrot fashion 5, 3, 4, 5, etc., when all of a sudden he said, 'Stop! Who killed Cock Robin?' 'I,' said the sparrow. I wondered whatever he meant at the moment, when, to my surprise, he said, 'Now, Louis, carry on where you left off. I could not, and Uncle said, 'Go home and learn it and then when you think you know it I will come and ring it with you.' I made three attempts before I did it. The gentleman was right. Learn it piecemeal and never have to think back to pick it up again if you lose the sequence.—Yours sincerely,

L. HEAD.

Maidstone.

SUNDAY RINGING IN SCOTLAND

Dear Sir,—Following my recent holiday in Scotland, I would like to help any other ringers on their first visit there to avoid the disappointment I experienced.

Having arrived in Edinburgh too late on a Saturday night to discover ringing times, I got to a tower shortly after ringing for Sunday morning service commenced. Following errors, the bells were twice called into rounds, but were not stood until service time. I was informed that the rule in Scotland is for ringing to be continuous for the whole period and even if the band meets short, they would not stop for anyone to make them up. At least two of the band favour an alteration in this method, but in the meantime it is advisable either to write in advance or arrive at the tower in good time before ringing commences.

I do not know if, in fact, these conditions do apply generally in Scottish towers, at the same evening I called at St. Mary's Cathedral, where the band had met short and although ringing had started, the bells were stood and I was invited to join in. This is how visitors are welcomed in my home tower, which is possibly why the different morning reception seemed so noticeable.—Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) N. WALL.

Doncaster, Yorks.

60 Years' Service at Sittingbourne

Mr. H. E. Simpson celebrated on July 20th his sixty years of service to the church and tower of St. Michael's, Sittingbourne. For many years he has been an official of the church and captain of the ringers and he marked the occasion by presenting to the church a new St. George's flag incorporating the Diocesan Arms.

In company with the Vicar, Mr. Simpson climbed to the top of the tower and hoisted the flag in the morning, and in the evening the local band, headed by Mr. Simpson, met, and touches of 630 and 210 Grandsire Triples were rung in good style.

After the ringing, the Vicar, churchwardens, family friends and the ringers were entertained by the captain at his house. Following a very fine repast, the Vicar proposed a toast to 'Our Host,' thanked him for his generosity in entertaining the company and congratulated him on his long and faithful service to church and tower. Incorporated in the floral decoration of the table were the words: 'We thank our God.'

In reply, Mr. Simpson read extracts from his 'ringing book,' telling most of those present when they rang their first quarter peals, etc. Reminiscences and handbell ringing brought a grand day and memorable evening to a close.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COPT OAK

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the band who rang 125 methods in a peal at Bigby, Lincs, on July 25th, 1939, I should like to offer our hearty congratulations to the band who rang 126 methods at Copt Oak. It is a wonderful achievement. We have watched their progress with interest and know full well how much time and practice has to be put in.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. FEARN.

Kirkton Lindsey, Lincs.

126 MINOR METHODS PEAL

Extent No. 3 in the peal of 126 Minor Methods rung at Copt Oak, Leicestershire, on June 30th, which had not previously been rung to a peal. The figures were supplied by Mr. J. Bray and Mr. G. Fearn.

In the extent were the following methods:—Kent Little Court, Bicker, Pinchbeck, Copt Oak, Wainfleet, Spilsby, Charnwood, Gedney, Gumby, Surfleet and Spalding.

	1st Pt.	2nd & 3rd Pts.
	23456	Gedney
	56342	Gumby
	42635	Gumby
	35624	Kent L.C.
S	63524	Kent L.C.
	56432	Kent L.C.
	45263	Kent L.C.
	24356	Kent L.C.
	32645	Kent L.C.
S	63254	Pinchbeck
	42563	Copt Oak
	35642	Wainfleet
	26435	Wainfleet
	54326	Wainfleet
S	62354	Kent L.C.
	36425	Kent L.C.
	43562	Kent L.C.
	54236	Kent L.C.
S	52463	Spilsby
	63542	Charnwood
	42356	

PLAIN COURSE OF COPT OAK

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231645
326154
321645
236154
326514
325641
236514
263541
625341
652314
563241
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652134
561243
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615423
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164523

Charnwood is the 6th place.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS

The task of removing the five bells and the old oak bell frame from the tower of Stoke Goldington Church has now been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The tenor became cracked again where it had been previously welded and is to be recast and made heavier than the now approximate 11½ cwt. A new treble is to be added making what should be a fine ring of six.

The present treble by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, was added in 1707 and is believed to be the only bell by him still being rung in Buckinghamshire. The other four bells were cast by Robert Atton, of Buckingham, in 1625. The wooden frame will be replaced by a cast iron one. A portion of the old frame with the date 1625 incised thereon is being preserved.

Before the bells are rehung there is some work to be done in the tower, such as making a new floor and repairing stonework. There is a good band of changers in the village and the bells have been rung regularly for services over a number of years.

The public responded splendidly to the appeal for funds and, although only a small village, the task of raising £800 was accomplished in less than two years. One or two grants have been promised which we hope will cover the complete cost of rehanging. Thanks must be extended to the Rector, church council and ringers for their efforts and to all donors.

A. A.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Dartmouth

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Dartmouth on July 21st, when visitors attended from Clapham (London), Buckland Newton, Kenn, Newton Abbot, Totnes, Paignton, Buckfastleigh and Plymouth, as well as the president (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox).

The bells at St. Saviour's Church were utilised during the afternoon, the ringing including touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major, this being followed by a short service in church which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. D. Watkins).

After tea at the Criterion Restaurant, the business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot (branch chairman).

Sixteen non-resident members were elected and it was reported that an extra meeting would be held at West Teignmouth in September, and that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Harberton on October 25th, both subject to the necessary permission being obtained. The question of an outing in August was left to the Branch Committee to arrange.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to those who had made arrangements for the meeting, and further ringing took place at St. Petrock's and St. Clement's Churches in the evening. Some of the visitors were impressed with the spacious belfry at St. Saviour's, there being always a vase of fresh flowers on a table in the centre of the belfry.

A LAVENHAM WEDDING

Miss Olive Blanche Lambert, who is finance secretary of the Lavenham company, and Mr. Frederick Day, conductor of the Preston St. Mary company, were married at SS. Peter and Paul's, Lavenham, on July 14th. The service was conducted by the Rector (Preb. M. Fountain Page), who conveyed to the bridal pair some well-spoken words of advice in very apt ringing terms.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Harry Lambert, was attired in blue

crepe-de-chine with brown accessories. She was attended by a maid of honour, and Mr. Frederick Hunt, of Preston, a fellow-ringer of the bridegroom, was best man.

As the couple left the church the bells were rung and fired. The reception was held at the Corpus Christi Guildhall and the honeymoon spent at Bournemouth. Mr. and Mrs. F. Day are to live in Lavenham and their fellow-ringers wish them every happiness and lots of good pulling together.

S. H. S.

A PAGE OF RINGERS' OUTINGS

EASTBOURNE RINGERS

Eastbourne Parish Church ringers, with their Vicar (Canon L. E. Meredith) and friends from other local towers, had a delightful outing to the Isle of Wight on July 14th.

Coaches departed at 7.30 a.m., non-stop for Portsmouth, where the party crowded on to the ferry. The sea was like a millpond so no casualties were sustained during what can be a hazardous crossing. Coaches were waiting at Ryde and proceeded direct to Newport, where the rather rough eight were rung for an hour.

An excellent lunch was taken at Week's Restaurant during which time a message was received that the next tower (Carisbrooke) was unobtainable owing to a funeral. Some quick thinking and the kind assistance of Mr. Upton, of Newport, enabled contact to be made with the churchwarden at Godshill and, permission was obtained to ring there. The party was quite thrilled with the bells and scenery of Godshill and after this unexpected pleasure the coaches moved off to Ryde, where the fine eight at All Saints' were rung, preceding a good tea, the ringing being cut short by a broken rope during a touch of Double Norwich!

On the return ferry, to the obvious pleasure of many fellow-passengers, handbells were rung, and it was here noticed that even bell-ringers can exhibit shyness at times! The Arundel eight were given good exercise and some very good ringing was produced, particularly a touch of Kent Treble Bob. After suitable refreshment the coaches departed for home; a short stop was called for at Falmer. P. H. R.

GRAPPENHALL BRANCH

A very full day was arranged for the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild on July 15th for their annual outing which consisted of a motor tour in Staffordshire and Derbyshire.

Leaving Runcorn at 8.30 a.m. the first call was at the 12th century Church of St. James the Great, Audley. Then followed visits to St. Giles', Cheadle, and St. Oswald's, Ashbourne, where the visitors were surprised to find the ropes were hanging at the foot of the chancel steps.

After lunch the party visited the old Church of St. Mary, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, and then Matlock, with its steep climb to the Parish Church. Tea at the Central Cafe was most welcome.

Moving on to Chesterfield the coaches stopped at the church with the crooked spire where the ringers had their last touch of ringing. Time was called for the return home, which was reached at midnight. Everyone had enjoyed the outing and gave their thanks to Mr. Cecil Raddon, of Stockton Heath, for the way he arranged the tour.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET

A visit to North-East Devon was the objective of the ringers of Wellington Parish Church for their annual outing on July 21st.

A start was made at 8 a.m. and the first stop was South Molton where Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung on the noble bells of St. Mary Magdalene's. Then followed the delightful eight at Chittlehampton, Branton and then Ilfracombe. After a fine lunch, the light ring was sampled at Holy Trinity Parish Church and the rest of the afternoon was spent by the seaside. In the early evening a visit was paid to Ilfracombe's other ring of eight, SS. Philip and James'. Promptly at 6.15 the homeward journey was commenced and the last tower of the day, Combe Martin, was reached at 7 p.m. Here methods ranged from rounds to Kent Treble Bob Major. A somewhat tired but happy party reached Wellington at 11 p.m.

The ringers were very pleased to have the company of the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. D. Grinter) and tender thanks to the various incumbents for the use of their bells.

ST. LAWRENCE'S IPSWICH

On June 23rd, St. Lawrence's ringers, joined by those from St. Clement's, St. Margaret's and Rushmere, making up a party of 14, and accompanied by their wives and friends, had their annual outing which took the form of a half-day tour of the Suffolk and Essex borders.

Travelling via Stoke-by-Nayland through very pretty country, the first call was at Bures (8). Here the heavy ring was made good use of and many comments were made on the excellent state of the ringing chamber, one of the best met with for years. The bells, now recently augmented from a good ring of six, are well worth a visit.

After much twisting through very narrow roads, at times with both wheels touching the grass verges, and consulting maps, Halstead was reached a little late. However, some local ringers were there to meet the party and had the bells ready for use and also took part in some of the ringing. These are not a very musical eight, being of rather harsh quality.

Tea over, a short run brought the party to Greenstead Green Church. The 'go' of the bells is excellent but the order of ropes gives one much to consider at first. They hang in the order of 1-4-3-2-6 with the 5th hanging in one corner behind the clock case and can only be seen by 2 and 6. Also the noise is very great and would be just a good place for a band of deaf ringers to try a peal.

At Stisted (6), not far away, was found a very fair ring and ringing from below in the porch made a welcome change. The last call for ringing was at Bockley (8) where the visitors were met by the locals and some good ringing took place. Owing to the short time allowed at each tower only touches could be arranged but the ringing was of a very good standard for such mixed bands.

Leaving for home at 9 p.m., via Coggeshall, and Colchester, Ipswich was reached at 11 p.m.

LYME REGIS

In perfect summer weather Lyme Regis ringers and their friends spent a highly enjoyable day on July 21st touring some of the Somerset country, mounting many beautiful towers and handling fine-toned bells.

A 7.30 a.m. start brought the party to Queen Camel's famous six and the heavy metal was turned in to Cambridge Minor quite creditably.

Then on to Ditcheat where a well-struck course of London Major was rolled off as the final touch before 'elevenses' at the 'Green Tree.' Evercreech, the only ten-bell tower of the day provided some Caters and Royal, and Wells was reached in time for lunch—also other refreshment. Non-ringers found much of interest here while the heavy eight at St. Cuthbert's were being put in action. A good course of Cambridge was rung, but not without effort.

Leaving Wells about 3.30 p.m., Curry Rivell was next on the programme and the good-going eight were found most attractive, lending themselves to good striking. Then back to Langport for a greatly welcome and splendid tea at the Langport Arms Hotel.

Thus fortified, the time-table was adhered to and a very pleasant hour was spent at Drayton where a respectable course of Bristol came round. Martock was the last tower of the evening and the bells provided some good music. Here some of the party left the coach on their independent homeward journeys and a tired, but thoroughly satisfied, party reached Lyme Regis without incident about 10.30 p.m.

Thanks are expressed here to all the representatives of the various towers who helped so much with their welcome and preparations.

The methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Lyme, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD

On July 14th the ringers of Christ Church, Wanstead, and St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex, accompanied by their friends, a party of 75, toured the Chilterns, making calls at Tring, Wendover and Penn.

The Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Tring, well situated opposite an extensive park, provided much interest for both ringers and their friends. Short touches of Grandsire Triples and call changes for the learners were rung on the fine ring of eight (tenor 24 cwt.) which graces a massive 14th century tower. Worthy of note is an elaborate monument erected in the north wall to a former Lord Mayor of London, Sir William Gore (died 1707), and his wife.

The next stage of the journey was to the picturesque church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Wendover, passing through charming country. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung on a well-going six (tenor 14 cwt.). Inside the church are the Bradshaw Memorials, one very curious brass design to the memory of William Bradshaw (1537) and his wife.

Penn was reached via Great Missenden and Amersham. A hearty welcome was given to all by the Vicar and his wife, the Misses Margaret and Barbara Mathieson and members of the church, who had prepared the most appetising tea in the school room opposite the church. At the conclusion of the meal, Mr. J. Chalk, on behalf of the party, thanked all who had prepared and served such a fine tea and to all who had made it possible for such a successful outing, mentioning the Parochial Church Councils of Wanstead and Woodford, Mr. B. Petley (Wanstead) and Mr. Morss (Woodford). Messrs. Pritchard (Woodford) and Solley (Wanstead) added their thanks and appreciation. The Vicar of Penn expressed his delight in meeting so many ringers of all ages and their friends and the debt he owed to the Mathieson family, former Woodford residents.

During the evening touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on a tuneful six in the ancient and interesting church of Holy Trinity.

In turn members of the party were conveyed to 'Penn Haven,' the residence of Mr. J. Mathieson and family, where the beauties of their garden were much enjoyed. Thanks are extended to those in the respective towers for willing co-operation.

RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW'S, IPSWICH

The ringers of the above, accompanied by ringing friends from St. Clement's, St. Margaret's and St. Matthew's Churches, had their annual outing on July 14th. They were also accompanied by the Vicar, treasurer and churchwarden. The party of 29 were picked up in town and Rushmere was left at 8 a.m.

The first call for ringing was at Blythburgh (6) which was reached well before time so that after ringing the photographers got busy with the group. Morning tea had been arranged here and proved very acceptable.

Our next stop was Lowestoft, the most easterly town in England. The Church of St. Margaret is well out of the town so the sea front could not be visited. The ring of eight was soon in use.

After dinner, Somerleyton (6) was visited but the bells are hardly in keeping with the beautiful surroundings, the church standing in a park. The next stop was Gorleston-on-Sea (8), where the non-ringing ladies were able to visit the shops.

Passing through Great Yarmouth (Southdown) we arrived at the remote church at Halvergate (6), where the bells were soon in use and proved a very good ring. The last stop was at Blofield with its heavy ring of six. A note in the belfry said the tenor is 19½ cwt. but is nearer 18 cwt. The ringing proved almost too much for the young ladies of 14 and 15 years and a lad pupil. The 'go' was not of the best.

STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—19

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

In 1888 Mr. Fussell states that on March 21st he received a letter from the Rev. Custance re instructorship to Hereford Guild, and later records visiting him—describing the journey in detail. This was on Saturday (31st) and he 'staid at the Rectory till Tuesday morning (Colwall). On Easter Sunday rang some Grand-sire Doubles, 5.30 till 7 a.m. Staid to service. All the ringers had breakfast together at the Rectory. Rang again 11 a.m. and staid to service. After dinner walked to Great Malvern and saw the Priory Church—went up in the ringing room but bells only chimed.'

Next morning he walked to Great Malvern and then went by train to Worcester and attended a meeting of Worcester Association in Chapter House and was made a member. Rang course of Cinques at Cathedral and Stedman at All Saints—met S. Reeves, W. Rock, Small and others. Returning to Colwall he rang some Doubles and 'Saw the Rector and received his instructions re board, etc.' He was thence forth official instructor to the Hereford Guild and his diary is now given up to accounts of visits to almost every tower in the shire, where he gave advice and instruction in the Art. He first went to Bewdley where he met the Vicar and Mr. Palmer, local secretary, and gave the locals their first lesson (April 3rd). 'Eight bells, good tone, tenor 19 cwt.; go rather badly.' Next day he walked to Kidderminster and back, 'the road was very dark coming home. Rang St. Mary's eight bells, some bad Triples, and tried 120 Stedman Doubles on back six.'

It is not possible here to mention the names of places he visited, although many of the incidents that happened are most interesting. Thus in April he 'went to Chaddesley Corbett, 4½ miles out of Kidderminster, saw the curate, had tea with him, copied inscriptions off the bells, attempted Holt's 10-part, Groves calling, but he missed a bob after 1st part end; one of our band failed to come so a local stood in, a novice, who did not do well. Left at ten, after having some ale in a pub opposite and reached Kidderminster at 10.50 in an old cart drawn by a shabby horse. Walked to Bewdley and got to bed 11.40. Dull showery day.'

Two days later he went to Bromsgrove and 'rang a good peal of Stedman Caters in 3 hours 94 minutes. Went to a public house till 10 p.m. Morris (one of the band formerly, but dismissed) came in half drunk. Slept at W. James' house. Sunday morning, rang at St. John's, Bromsgrove, and after dinner walked to Hanbury, via Stoke, where we rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor on a light six. Hanbury Church stands on a hill and has a good eight. Rang two hours for Holt's Original but owing to my calling a bob late, broke down.' He stayed at Bromsgrove that night and walked back to Bewdley next day through Kidderminster (12 miles).

On one occasion he says 'lost my little dog, Jack, and had to hunt about for him; finding him in a pub with a man who would have kept him had I not called in accidentally with a ringer named Higgins to have a glass and Jack at once ran up to me.'

BRIDGNORTH

Among 'Notes on Bridgnorth' Mr. Fussell writes: 'The congregation at St. Mary's is gradually getting less each year owing to the Vicar being so high church: the choir, in procession, sing round the church and carry a banner, in fact, altar lighted up with numerous tapering candles. He spends much money on flowers and decorations, and yet the bells are allowed to be in a dangerous and almost un-

ringable condition. He rings a little but knows nothing of change-ringing. Being vain, he would like to have a heavier peal of eight in his tower than that of St. Leonard's. An eccentric old parishioner (I hear from my landlady) who has no children, has made a provision in his will for new bells to be given to St. Mary's. Since my last visit a very large piece of metal has been broken out of the tenor lip through the clapper coming out.

'Overtown's blackbird, over two years old, is a novelty; he is able to whistle the eight notes down and generally ten notes up in imitation of Queen's change. When just fledged, one of the boys brought it home and it was reared. It learnt to mock the bells through hearing them so much.'

'BUSKING' WITH HANDBELLS

Later he went to Ross and district and on one occasion he writes about the old Ross ringers, of which Mr. Andrews was a member, 'before he enlisted 23 years ago. From what I heard (he writes) I found it was the custom in the winter, when work was scarce, to go out "busking" with their handbells. On the road to Hereford, near Holme Lacey, they called on Sir R. Cockburn, who at once rushed out at Osborne, of their band, and threatened to murder the villain with a large stick for having stolen one of his favourite white rabbits. Another party of handbell ringers, some time previous, had walked off with one of his favourite breed and he thought it was the same band again.'

'Just before starting on this tour from Osborne's house, his wife, who was upstairs, called out to her husband to put the sheep's head in the pot for dinner. He at once put it in as it came from the butcher's, with wool on, eyes in, and snout intact, much to the laughter of Humphrey, Bird, Andrews and Young. Ten years ago they "busked" along to where old Humphrey was sure of 5s. and some cider. After some tunes had been rung, the old man who resided at the place came to the door in a long, old-fashioned, queer-coloured cow gown which amused Andrews so much he could not conceal his laughter. They came away without the 5s. and old Humphrey very much put out.'

On one occasion at Ross Carnival, Mr. Fussell speaks of the illuminations, torchlight procession, etc., and says: 'I took the character of a Red Indian. After riding round the town on horseback without stirrups, I felt thoroughly stiff and tired in my thighs for days after.'

A DISAPPOINTMENT

On August 4th he left Ross by 6.50 train in full Volunteer uniform for Oxford, where he arrived at midday, met by Washbrook. With G. Hounslow they rode to Dorchester together on a tandem tricycle. Washbrook on his bicycle. Then Mr. Fussell goes on, 'here I expected to attempt a peal for which I had specially come, but the Rev. Robinson, finding enough there to ring Cambridge, at once made his own band stand in "for practice," as he said, for three peals to be attempted and which they rang on the Monday following. Although I ring Cambridge well and was unable to meet a band for a peal in that method, he very nearly allowed me to leave the tower while they started for a peal. After having a glass at the house opposite, Hounslow and I started back to Oxford, the sound of the bells ringing as we rode away not being at all agreeable to two disappointed men.'

'This fruitless journey was due to bad arrangements. While listening a band of Salvationists started singing and shouting service

in the village, near the churchyard, making the ringing, mingled with their sounds, most discordant. We had a spill going down a little hill, getting pitched over. I was glad to find Hounslow unhurt; my trousers and pants about the seat were almost in rags, split and torn down the legs in a remarkable way; handle of the machine bent; wheel nearly doubled; five miles from Oxford—the rest of the journey was done slowly and we got home at 10.30.

'Sunday, laid in bed while the housekeeper at Hounslow's sewed up my trousers. Had dinner with Washbrook and wife, rang at Christ Church for 3 o'clock service, to which the Foresters' and Oddfellows' Clubs came in procession.' Mr. Fussell then went to camp for the week at Blenheim Park.

While at Hertford he reports one occasion he walked to Belmont and chimed a new ring of eight (tenor about 20 cwt.) at the Catholic Convent. 'Bells hung by Taylor and Co., dead stocks and extra semitone second. The priests who chimed relieved each other (3). Apparatus worked hard. Central tower, beautifully-finished church; very courteous men; staid to service.'

In all these visits to so many places, Mr. Fussell interviewed the various clergy, drew up rules for the ringers, gave out books and diagrams, besides staying for several days or even weeks at different centres, teaching new beginners or encouraging the older ones. A typical entry of one of these visits is: 'Fine day, up at nine, walked to Madley Church, a large and very handsome building; six bells, good tone, tenor about 18 cwt. Saw Vicar, a nice old chatty gentleman, very poor; saw Mr. Pritchard of "Red Lion"; got back at two; rang at Eaton Bishop 7 to 9 p.m.'

SALARY DIFFICULTIES

In all these 'comings and goings' Mr. Fussell writes: 'Providence has assisted me on several occasions, owing to my letters passing through various hands when applying for my salary. I often had to wait until the cheque came some time after being due. At Burwarton it so happened that I had not enough money to settle with my landlady, but the very night before, 5s. came to hand very unexpectedly at Ditton Priors. This enabled me to pay my way and left me with 2s. 2d. to get to Bridgnorth. At Hereford a similar bountiful providence enabled me to push along without inconvenience. The Vicar of Eaton Bishop very kindly paid my expenses while in his parish—this was unexpected. Fortunately, I never make a worry of these difficulties and up to the present time I am thankful to say God has given all I could wish for or reasonably expect.'

GILES MANSFIELD

Mr. Fussell writes: 'The privilege of having seen this veteran ringer is one I shall remember. This Easter he will have been in his bedroom four years; age about 96. He seemed to be in excellent health and spirits and chatted very intelligently on ringing matters. Mentioned Snowden and his visit to Stroud some years ago—also the Vicar of Stroud, who, in "Church Bells," asked for alms to assist Mansfield. Mansfield has now outlived both Snowden and the Vicar! He spoke of his peals at Painswick and Stroud. While I was ringing in a peal nearby at the latter part of the evening, I thought of the old chap lying on his bed and eagerly listening to the bells and very probably thinking of the days when he was young and strong and able to enjoy his pull. He told me he was quite prepared to go and he believed there would be better music in Heaven than that of bells—I wonder how many ringers in England, when the last "go" shall be called, will be prepared and ready to obey.'

At the end of his 1888 diary Mr. Fussell gives a list of 'Guild Instructions' and lessons given in each tower, number of bells, tenor weight, day of arrival and departure, number of lessons, captain's name, number of members present, adding: 'Engaged 38 weeks or 266 days; 28 disengaged evenings and 38 Sundays; 200 lessons given.'

(To be continued)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The half-yearly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at North Bradley on July 7th Ringing at the Church of St. Nicholas commenced at 3 p.m., and at 4.30 members assembled in the church for the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar. Afterwards the visitors, who were guests of the local ringers, and their friends, enjoyed an excellent tea.

The business meeting followed with the Branch Chairman, Mr. W. C. West, in the chair. He announced that the Branch was well represented at the Guild's annual festival and also mentioned the great loss the Branch had suffered in the death of Mr. Hart, of Westbury, who was the founder and first chairman of this Branch. A letter was received from Mr. Weeks stating that Bromham bells were now in working order and had been rung for the first time at the induction of the new Rector of Bromham.

The sum of £5 was voted to the Guild's General Fund to help with the cost of producing the annual report; a collection at tea was also given for this purpose.

The next three meetings were fixed for Upavon, Bromham and Westbury.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks: ringing then continued with methods up to Cambridge Major.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Wellingborough Branch

After a lapse of 13 years, the Wellingborough Branch visited Castle Ashby for their quarterly meeting on July 14th.

The Guild service was attended by ringers and friends from Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Wilby, Easton Mauditt, Finedon, Cogenhoe, Kingsthorpe, Earls Barton, Rothwell, Ecton, Mears Ashby, Great Doddington, Bozeat, Irchester, Yardley Hastings, Northampton, Stanwick and Raunds.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. E. Brown). A collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 12s. Tea was arranged on the lawn of the Falcon Hotel.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Rector, supported by the branch secretary, Mr. A. Bigley. It was decided to visit Ecton for the October meeting. Four new ringing members were elected: Robin Turner (Wellingborough) and Tony Murton, John Wigglesworth and Robert Wykes, all of Wilby.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist and caterers was proposed by Mr. W. G. Callis. Mr. A. Bigley, seconding, mentioned the work of Mr. C. W. Partridge (Wilby) and Mr. H. Wooding (Yardley Hastings) and thanked them.

Mr. Brown, replying, said he hoped it would not be long before the next meeting at Castle Ashby.

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The July meeting was held at Hoylandswaine and members were present from Barnsley, Cawthorne, Crofton, Felkirk, Lindley, Sandal, Shelley and South Kirkby. Cups of tea were provided in the Parish Room.

The president, Mr. N. F. Moxon, was in the chair for the business meeting. The best thanks were given to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. E. Brookes for making the arrangements. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Thornhill, Dewsbury, on August 11th.

Further ringing followed, good use being made of the bells.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Sayer 1, W. Seager 2, L. Woodward 3, E. Newbury 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Bridges 6. First quarter by all except the conductor.

ARELEY KINGS,

WORCS.—On July 4th,

1,260 Grandsire Doubles:

R. Rowley 1, G. Bowen 2, C. E. Lucas 3, Miss D. Hicks 4, A. W. Glazard (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6. A 14th birthday compliment to Miss D. Hicks.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Birch (first of Triples) 1, W. Jones 2, T. Newman 3, R. Daniels (first of Triples) 4, G. Case 5, W. Cox 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, C. Lerner 8.

BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.—On July 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Coles (cond.) 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, F. A. Barker 3, G. A. Parsons 4, W. D. Prockson 5, R. H. Begrie 6, J. W. Euston 7, Dr. W. R. Winterton 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew-the-Great on July 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Hurst 1, H. L. Martin 2, W. J. Ridgman (first as cond.) 3, R. D. Edge (first in method) 4, P. Border 5, T. R. Dennis 6, J. W. R. Quinney 7, H. F. Brown 8. Rung for Confirmation.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On July 12th, at St. Alphege's, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Stockbridge 1, Miss J. N. Roberts 2, Mrs. G. W. Stockbridge 3, R. W. Pepper 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, J. S. Rye (first quarter) 6. First quarter of Bob Doubles for all the band.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On July 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Airey (13) 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, Miss M. Reed 3, G. F. Newton 4, D. R. Airey 5, T. Senior 6, T. Hill 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Webb (first quarter) 1, W. White 2, Miss J. Bishop (first quarter) 3, A. Woodley 4, J. Gordon 5, B. Brown 6, H. Bishop 7, D. Napper 8.

EATON, LEICS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hubbard 1, H. Shipman 2, N. Cooke (first on six bells) 3, F. Williams 4, P. Turner 5, J. Morris (cond.) 6.

EGERTON, KENT.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): A. Everett (first away from tenor) 1, Miss D. Turk 2, Miss R. Dunkeld (first in two methods) 3, A. Waddington (cond.) 4, P. Newing (Littlebourne) 5, Miss D. Rowley 6.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Hope 1, R. Wenban 2, Miss J. Morse 3, G. Freebrey 4, Miss E. Morse 5, J. Keyte 6, W. Godwin (cond.) 7, G. Burge 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On July 15th at All Saints', 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss D. Lidbetter 1, J. Phillips 2, H. Langdon (cond.) 3, R. Mackerill 4, W. S. Langdon 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, D. Parsons 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, H. Belcher 9, H. M. Page 10. A birthday compliment to Miss D. Lidbetter.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On July 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss V. Willard 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, C. C. Mayne 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, A. Wenban (first in the method) 6, W. Wenban 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Peacock 1, D. W. Beard 2, D. J. Salisbury 3, F. V. Gant 4, A. Salisbury 5, S. Penfold 6, C. E. Wright (cond.) 7, W. J. Carter 8. First in method 1 and 3.

MARSDEN, YORKS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Whitehead 1, H. Clegg 2, F. Livesey 3, D. B. Cater 4, A. Jaine (cond.) 5, S. Whitehead 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. M. L. Sykes.—Also on July 12th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles: G. Slocombe 1, D. B. Carter 2, F. Livesey 3, H. Clegg 4, A. Jaine (cond.) 5, S. Whitehead 6. For the engagements of G. Slocombe to Miss Eileen Butters, D. B. Carter to Miss Mary Addy; the 21st birthday of D. B. Carter and the birthday of the conductor.—Also on July 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: S. Barron 1, A. Ashton 2, A. Smith 3, J. Pearson 4, H. Wild 5, S. Longbottom 6, D. R. Marshall (cond.) 7, E. Jenkins 8.

QUARTER PEALS

MADRON, CORN-

WALL.—On July 16th,

1,260 Grandsire Triples:

Arnold White 1, Miss M. L. Lidgley 2, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, Miss E. Symons 5, G. W. Taysom 6, G. J. Werrell 7, R. Woolridge 8. First quarter on eight by 1, 7 and 8. Half-muffled in memory of Canon H. R. Jennings, at one time secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild, and 1922-1941 Vicar of this parish. First quarter on the restored and augmented ring.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral on July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Williams (first quarter) 1, Brenda Sheppard 2, Joan Gray 3, J. Spencer 4, H. Ross 5, G. Weston (first quarter) 6, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 7, C. Williams (first quarter) 8. Rung at the conclusion of the mission to the Diocese of Melbourne, led by Canon Bryan Green, Rector of Birmingham.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John A. Somers (first quarter) 1, D. M. Seville 2, G. R. Fairnie 3, H. Barlow 4, J. T. Walmsley 5, V. Sykes 6, P. H. Tocock (cond.) 7, T. B. Hartley 8.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—1,260 Bob Major: E. T. Carvell 1, W. O. Wharton 2, L. L. Gray 3, A. Gorringer 4, A. J. Webster 5, E. J. Gilbert 6, E. F. Bennett 7, R. G. Edwards (cond.) 8.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On July 15th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender 2, A. C. Chaplin 3, G. W. Morris 4, E. J. Morris 5, M. F. Oxshett 6, J. Bennett 7, J. W. Ward 8, E. D. Smith (cond.) 9, C. A. Hughes 10.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On July 14th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. W. Keys 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, Miss A. Bowers 3, N. J. Smith 4, R. Wilson 5, F. W. Burnett 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, H. C. Weaver 8.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Llewellyn-Jones 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Ruth Paton 3, Margaret Paton 4, Hilary Eason 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. Rung 'silent'. Witness, Janet Eason. Rung for the birthdays of the ringers of 1, 4 and 5 and for that of Paul Cross and Mrs. I. P. Cross, of Hong-Kong.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hilton 1, Wm. Bottrill 2, E. T. Ellender 3, L. Everest 4, S. J. Gee 5, Wm. Fairbeard 6, A. E. Jarman (cond.) 7, W. P. Cleaver 8. First in method 1 and 8.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Burvill 1, T. W. Edwards 2, S. J. Gee 3, Wm. Fairbeard 4, L. Everest 5, Wm. Bottrill (cond.) 6, A. E. Jarman 7, J. A. Hilton 8. For Ramsgate's 'Festival of Light', also for Festival of Britain.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Hooton 1, M. Underwood 2, P. Leigh-Lancaster 3, T. Fryer 4, G. Guess (cond.) 5, H. Eaton 6. First quarter for 3 and 4.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On July 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. N. C. Emery 1, R. G. Bell 2, Miss P. A. Martin (first on ten) 3, W. G. Paul 4, A. W. Dix 5, C. N. Leman 6, F. H. Crook 7, S. H. Hoare 8, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 9, R. B. King 10. Rung for the Sunday School festival.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On July 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss E. Sharp 1, P. Amos 2, A. Goodman 3, A. Armstrong 4, V. Adams 5, H. Wooding (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. W. M. B. Francis, of Ravenstone and Weston Underwood.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Taylor 1, J. Tomsett 2, R. Charge 3, S. Howard 4, J. Chapman 5, R. Sanders 6, F. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. G. Tooke 1, F. C. Arnold 2, C. F. Phillippo 3, C. H. Moore 4, T. E. Spight 5, E. G. Shorting 6, R. W. Curson 7, H. Tooke (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by 2 and 3. Rung for the children's festival service.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, August 4th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. 9235

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), August 4th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 9220

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting at Leigh (6), August 4th, at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 9214

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, August 4th, Douglas Church, Parbold. Bells (8) 2.30. Please note date of meeting brought forward from August 11th. 9265

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Joint meeting with Wigan Branch, August 4th, Douglas Church, Parbold, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, near Wigan.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 9266

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, August 4th, 3 p.m. 9236

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, August Bank Holiday. Bells 3 to 9. Service 4.30. Various cafes open for teas.—A. Smith, R. Lathbury, Hon. Secs. 9215

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival ringing day on August Bank Holiday. Towers open: Finchley 10.30—12.30; Barnet 2—4.30; Hadley 2—4; Southgate 7—9; Service, Barnet, 4.30. Various cafes and gardens open for teas. 9237

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton and Christchurch Districts.—Combined meeting, August Bank Holiday. Ringing at Milford-on-Sea, 10.30 to 1; Lymington 2.30 to 5; Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst 6.30 to 9. 9246

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own arrangement for tea.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 9260

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Bridlington, Saturday, August 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify, before Wednesday, August 8th. Mr. J. H. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 9263

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak and Chesterfield Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover, August 11th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by August 8th, to Mr. E. Hopkinson, Rectory View, Ashover. No name, no tea.—D. Scott, Hon. Sec. 9244

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, Saturday, August 11th, at 2.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, August 8th, to Miss Armstrong, 21, Duncan Gardens, Morpeth. 9256

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Marham, Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 9258

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Surprise Method practice at Hornchurch (8), August 11th. Bells available 3—5 p.m. If numbers sufficient, Surprise Minor at North Ockendon during evening, 7 p.m. Please note: Association Badges (3s.) now obtainable—brooch and buttonhole types.—F. V. Gant. 9221

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Castle Eaton (6), August 11th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 9249

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chipping, Saturday, August 11th. No tea arrangements; cafes nearby. Bus from Preston 1.30 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 9234

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Heydour, August 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, before August 6th, to Mr. N. T. Longland, Oasby, Grantham. Please don't forget card for tea, as catering is so difficult.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 9241

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—North & East District.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, August 11th at 2.30 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 9257

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading and Bradfield Branches.—Monthly practice, Goring, Saturday, August 11th. Bells 6—9. 9246

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — August meeting at Wem (8 bells) on 11th. (High Ercall out of order.) Tea, Kynastons Cafe 5.30 All ringers welcome. 9264

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Gamston (6), Saturday, August 11th. Cups of tea only. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 9231

SUFFOLK GUILD (N. and N.E. Districts) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Bures, August 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, by August 9th, to L. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures. 9216

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Shoreham-by-Sea (8), Saturday, August 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, August 8th.—B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 9254

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Curdridge, August 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Village Hall 5. Names, by August 7th, to John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 9252

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham, August 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 9268

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Stockbury (5) on Saturday, August 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea in the Village Hall. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, August 15th. This will be the first time that the Association has visited Stockbury and it is hoped that as many as possible will take this opportunity to visit the very lovely old church and village.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 9261

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—Quarterly meeting at Heckington, August 18th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford. 9259

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Meeting, Maxey, August 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify for tea, by August 13th. G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 9123

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WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—Ringers' Sunday, August 19th. Bells all day. Service 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify, by Thursday previous, E. Leggett, The Dell. All ringers and friends welcome. 9255

QUARTER PEALS

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On July 13th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Lee 1, Betty Griffiths 2, B. Harris 3, Shirley Golding 4, J. Bootland (first as cond.) 5, D. N. Peers 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On July 8th, 1,440 Bob Royal: Miss J. Creak (first quarter Royal) 1, Miss S. Harris 2, Miss E. Farrell 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, Mrs. O. Rogers 5, G. Dodds 6, E. Dodds 7, T. Davies 8, H. Rogers (cond.) 9, D. Charnley 10.

RUGBY.—At St. Andrew's on July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Norfolk, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire): C. Underwood 1, J. Stewart 2, D. J. Pittow 3, S. Osborne 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.—At the Cathedral on July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Lewis 1, T. Griffiths 2, M. Jenkins 3, C. H. Hawkins 4, G. Thomas 5, D. Curtis 6, H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, L. Curtis 8. Rung for the Festival Week at St. David's, also a welcome to the Duchess of Kent.

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